

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for one's fellow man; however, few people end a 40-year farming career and begin a second career that ends with 29 years of service; and,

Whereas, After Kenneth V. Granum retired from 40 years of farming northwest of Volga, South Dakota, he joined the Daktronics work force in the Metal Fabrication department, then on to work in Live Events manufacturing, and most recently in High School Park and Recreation manufacturing; and,

Whereas, Supervisors note that Ken seemed to enjoy working more than most people, and family and friends know Ken as one to always take time to visit with anyone, trusts everyone, never has a bad thing to say about others, and never complains; and,

Whereas, Ken's youthful days found him eager to put food on the table from any critter he might have had the good fortune to hunt, young manhood found him and his brother, Glen, making beer in the middle of a corn field and would occasionally have to strain out the grasshoppers, thus, the phrase "hops" was invented, and Ken later earned a Purple Heart for his service in WWII; and,

Whereas, Ken married Fern Heath and to that union 6 children were born and their lives were further blessed by the addition of 12 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren; and,

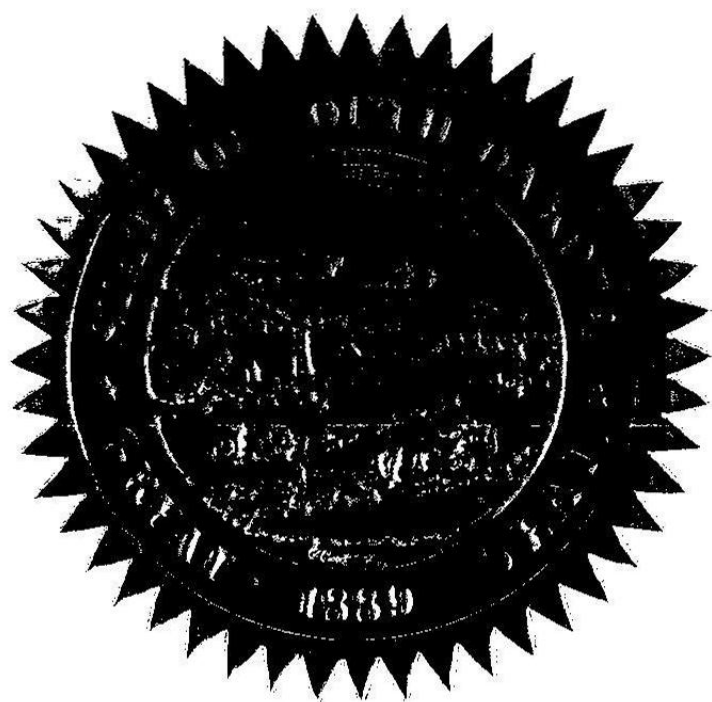
Whereas, Ken's retirement days will no doubt be spent enjoying the lives of his family and their activities, cheering on the Minnesota Twins and Vikings, attending Sioux Valley Cossacks basketball games, watching wildlife, playing cards, chasing after another proud angler, and continuing his involvement as a member of the American Legion and First Lutheran Church; and,

Whereas, Ken's family will gather on February 16, 2008, to celebrate his second retirement with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration this memorable occasion deserves, and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 16, 2008, as

KEN GRANUM DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State